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WORLD CASES TOP 2M; U.S. DEATH TOLL AT 28K

- America suffers worst one-day toll, with more than 2,400 dead
- Business executives want much more testing before restarting
- Leaders continue to debate how and when to reopen economy
- County officials confirm 7 new deaths; total cases pass 2,000

COUNTY ORDERS POP-UP TESTING CLOSED

BY PAUL SISSON
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Citing a lack of quality documentation, San Diego County's public health authorities ordered a pop-up clinic operating out of a local community college parking lot to immediately stop offering novel coronavirus blood tests Wednesday, less than three days after it opened.

Called COVID Clinic, the Orange County business was the first in the region to begin offering rapid testing for the presence of blood antibodies that can indicate a person was infected by the pathogen currently causing a global pandemic.

Dr. Eric McDonald, director of the county's epidemiology department, said during a daily COVID briefing Wednesday afternoon that a shutdown order was issued after the clinic, run by a doctor group out of Huntington Beach, failed to provide a certification that its lab was properly certified and also additional validation data to prove that its blood test actually works as designed.

"We have yet to get that information, so we issued an order telling them to no longer do that test," McDonald said.

The statement came just after public health officials announced that the county has now reached 2,000 confirmed COVID cases and seven additional deaths, ranging in age from the mid-60s to a 100-year-old woman.

Congregate living facilities, including skilled nursing homes and assisted living centers, continue to be hit hard with 20 outbreaks now confirmed in such locations, accounting for 22 deaths so far.

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JOHN GIBBINS U-T

Volunteer Lisa Hatfield assembles some of the 607 bags of food on Friday that will be delivered to Mama's Kitchen clients. The nonprofit has seen a 40 percent increase in the number of clients it serves.

THE NEW NORMAL

NONPROFITS STRUGGLING TO MEET SURGE IN DEMAND

Groups that serve the neediest have lost funding and volunteers

BY PAM KRAGEN

Over the past 30 years, Mama's Kitchen has never had to turn away an eligible person for the at-home food delivery and pantry services it has offered ever since the AIDS pandemic devastated San Diego's LGBTQ community in the 1980s and 1990s.

Now a new pandemic is threatening to overwhelm the resources of the San Diego nonprofit, which has expanded over the years to serve the needs of critically ill people with HIV, cancer, heart failure and diabetes.

Over the past six weeks, Mama's

Kitchen has seen a 40 percent increase in the number of clients it serves. At the same time, it has seen a massive decline in volunteers because many of its helpers are over 65 and sheltering at home because of the coronavirus. To fill the gap, paid staff are working longer hours.

Meanwhile, the organization had to cancel its biggest fundraiser of the year, the Mother's Day weekend gala known as Mama's Day, which officials were counting on to bring in close to \$200,000. CEO Alberto Cortés said the organization expects its COVID-19-related expenses over the next few months to increase by

about \$450,000, so it has launched an emergency campaign at support.mamaskitchen.org/fooddrive.

"In these unprecedented times, we are working to serve a population that is most at risk to life-threatening complications if infected with coronavirus," Cortés said. "We need to keep them home and safe."

Mama's Kitchen is one of hundreds of local nonprofits hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 24, the Nonprofit Institute at the University of San Diego released a survey of 420 local organizations. It found that more than half of re-

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DOCTOR: SCHOOLS LIKELY TO REOPEN GRADUALLY

'Normality as we knew it' won't return for two years, SDUSD physician predicts

BY KRISTEN TAKETA

It is likely that schools will gradually reopen during the next school year, but not without drastic changes to school life, San Diego Unified's chief medical officer told the school board Tuesday night.

School schedules, classroom setups, bus transportation and more will likely change to minimize transmission of the novel coronavirus, Dr.

Howard Taras said at a board meeting held online via Zoom.

It probably will be another two years before schools can return to "normality as we knew it," he said.

"If schools reopen, there will almost definitely be social distancing in school when they do," Taras said.

School closures were considered necessary to slow transmission of the virus. School leaders are also sensitive to the fact that many students are losing out on learning, despite efforts by schools to implement distance learning.

Some students lack computers or Internet access to do online learning. Some aren't in contact with their

teachers or lack home support or an environment that would help them learn. The amount of remote instruction students receive varies by teacher and by district.

If the school closures continue, the learning losses for this generation of students can have consequences in future years, officials warn.

"We have to think of the economy not only for the next one to two years ... but if our students are not educated back in school, that could adversely affect the economy 10 years from now," Taras said.

State and school leaders are starting to look at ways to reopen schools

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OFFICIALS: 2 TEENS DEAD IN LEMON GROVE SHOOTING

Man arrested in suspected domestic violence incident

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An apparent domestic violence shooting Wednesday afternoon in Lemon Grove left twin 15-year-old girls dead and a third victim wounded before sheriff's deputies arrested the suspected shooter hiding in the

backyard of a nearby home, according to officials and the victims' mother.

The shooting happened around noon on Central Avenue near New Jersey Avenue, not far from Shiloh Baptist Church, authorities said.

Sheriff's homicide Lt. Thomas Seiver said two females were killed and a man who was shot was injured, but expected to survive.

A woman told an On-Scene TV reporter that her former boyfriend had gone to her home and fatally shot her 15-year-old twin daughters

and shot and injured her 23-year-old son.

Seiver would not confirm details about the victims, but confirmed that the suspect and a woman who lived at the home had had a romantic relationship.

The woman said she and the man broke up about a week and a half ago. She said he came by on Easter Sunday to visit with her younger children, then showed up Wednesday with a gun. "He's not been talking to me. I let him come by on Easter to see the little ones," she told On-

Scene TV through tears. "Then today he said he figured it all out. He finally knows what he needs to do. And he showed up at the house and shot my back window out."

"My 15-year-old daughter tried to close the door on him and he kicked the door open and he shot her in the head. And then he went after my other three older kids." The woman said her daughters' bodies were inside the house and her injured son was taken away.

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Sheriff's deputies respond to a shooting on Central Avenue in Lemon Grove on Wednesday.



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WARREN BACKS BIDEN

Elizabeth Warren becomes the last of Joe Biden's major rivals to endorse him for president. **A2**

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